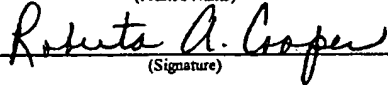




Atty. Dkt. No. 039153-5003 (G0167)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Xiang, Qi
Title: SILICON BUFFERED
SHALLOW TRENCH
ISOLATION
Appl. No.: 10/755,746
Filing Date: 01/12/2004
Examiner: David S. Blum
Art Unit: 2813

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service's "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
EV 904371094 US	10/19/06
(Express Mail Label Number)	(Date of Deposit)
Roberta A. Cooper	
(Printed Name)	
	
(Signature)	

Confirmation No: 9599

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 21, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: